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The Examiner is hereby advised of co-pending U.S. patent applications, Application Numbers 09/602,746 and 10/040,546. The subject matter contained in these co-pending U.S. patent applications, Application Numbers 09/602,746 and 10/040,546, are related to the above-identified application, and thus may be relevant to the subject matter of the instant application.

These co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner, the Applicant does **NOT** waive any confidentiality concerning this co-pending application. 35 U.S.C. § 122

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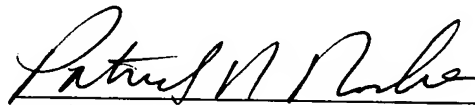
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(1988); see Medical Laboratory Automation Inc. v. Labcon Inc., 500 F.Supp. 54, 58 n.5 (N.D. Ill. 1980), aff'd, 670 F.2d 671 (7th Cir. 1981). Furthermore, if said co-pending applications should not mature into patents, said co-pending applications should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 (1988) and 37 C.F.R. 1.14.

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